

# Girls' lacrosse team rallies to 17-7 win over Berkeley

By Jonathan Comeaux

The Highlanders defeated Berkeley 17-7 on Wednesday, April 7 on the road and have only three games remaining in the shortened Covid-impacted season.

“We had a great performance,” said coach Carlton Chan. “We started a little slow and traded goals for the first bit of the first half, then we took off. We made sure to double-team Berkeley’s three scorers whenever they touched the ball.”

The win comes after a pair of narrow losses against North Coast Section powerhouses California High (15-12 on March 24), and Monte Vista (14-13 on April 1). Piedmont concludes its season with matches with Bishop



Sadie Tschider scored seven goals and had two assists against Berkeley.

O’Dowd, then Kennedy at Witter Field on April 22.

Against Berkeley, the High-

landers’ took a commanding 14-5 lead at halftime. Sadie Tschider, Piedmont’s one-woman scoring machine, totaled seven goals by game’s end.

The two sides traded goals, however, in the first five minutes. Katharine Kinne scored in the opening 20 seconds, followed by three quick goals by Tschider. With the game tied at 4-4, Piedmont bagged three more goals before the Jackets’ next goal. Kinne scored her second and third goals, followed by a Carly Roitblat score with 15 minutes left in the first half. With the score at 7-5, Piedmont went on a scoring rampage, adding six more goals.

Kinne put up her fourth goal with 10 minutes left but left the game shortly due to an injury.



Carly Roitblat sends in a goal through traffic. She scored three times against the Yellowjackets, the first multi-goal game of her career.

After three minutes, Tschider found the net and Charlotte Theut scored two minutes later. Roitblat blasted one in 30 seconds after, Theut scored her second, then Tschider closed the half by scoring with 1:54 left.

It marked Roitblat’s first multi-goal performance.

After nearly 10 minutes of play, Piedmont’s defense allowed just two goals in the second half, one with 22 second left on the clock.

“Maya [Galbreth] and Bella [Kjellen] directed the defensive double teams. One of our bright spots has been Hailey Marshburn, who we’ve been calling up from J.V. Brand new to the game, she has picked it up quickly and has been an amazing defender,” said Chan of their defense.

Piedmont’s second half goals were scored by Molly Ashton after the first minute, Tschider four minutes later, Roitblat completed her 3-goal hat trick after eight minutes, and Tschider capped off the scoring with a goal with 4:30 left.

*Final stats include:* Tschider’s seven goals and two assists. Kinne had four goals and an assist. Roitblat had three goals. Theut had two goals and an assist. Ashton had a goal and two assists.

### NEXT UP

Piedmont (4-4) will play Bishop O’Dowd on Monday, April 18 on the road, and will play the Dragons the following day at Witter Field. Both matches are set for 7:00 p.m.



Piedmont’s defense locked down on Berkeley’s attackers, allowing just two goals after halftime. Pictured are Charlotte Theut (defending), Bella Kjellen (19), and Hailey Marshburn (left).

# Highlanders post 2nd shutout; top Washington 21-0

## Cain runs for 180 yards, scores 3 touchdowns

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Piedmont’s football team remained undefeated at 4-0, after defeating Washington 21-0 in Fremont on Saturday, April 10. With one game remaining in the 2021 shortened season, the Highlanders have been notified that they are the No. 1 ranked team in Division 5 (smallest enrollment) of North Coast Section.

“I am so proud of the boys; two shutouts in a row. I am really proud, so proud of them,” said coach Jerome Johnson.

Johnson joined Piedmont with a background as defensive coach at McClymonds, Bishop O’Dowd, and Contra Costa College. Piedmont’s record in 2019 was 3-7.

In Saturday’s victory, the Highlanders’ defense got the job done with two critical takeaways

in their own red zone, 80 yards allowed, and 10 tackles for loss from seven different players.

“We wanted to prevent them from getting into the open field,” said hybrid safety and linebacker Joe Hempeck, who finished with seven tackles, one tackle for loss, and a critical goal-line interception.

Running back Brian Cain, a senior, had another huge day, accumulating 180 yards on 21 carries for three touchdowns, one for 63 yards.

In the first quarter, Washington got the opening possession and had a 4th-and-goal situation from on Piedmont’s one-yard line. The Huskies called a quarterback roll-out pass, but Cain on defense was ready. He forced a fumble which was recovered by Andy Melian.

After a quick punt by PHS, the

Huskies had another chance to score with a first down at Piedmont’s 9-yard line. This time, Hempeck snatched Washington’s pass near the goal line and returned it 27 yards.

From its own 37-yard line, Cain shook off one defender and got by another downfield for a 63-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

After halftime, Alex Hilton returned the kickoff to the 46-yard line, and Piedmont capped off an eight-play, five and a half minute possession with an 8-yard run by Cain for a 14-0 advantage.

The Highlanders’ next score came with 6:34 left when Cain ran 2 yards for the final score, his third TD of the game. He also had a 19-yard carry during the series in which he broke three tackles.

*Final stats include:* Cain’s 180 yards and three touchdowns, to



Running back Brian Cain had 180 rushing yards and three touchdowns, to go along with a forced fumble on defense.



Piedmont’s defense has posted two shutouts and allowed just seven points in three games

go along with two tackles and one forced fumble. Melian had seven tackles, two sacks, and four tackles for loss. Hempeck had seven tackles, one tackle for loss, an interception, and two pass defenses.

### NEXT UP

Piedmont (4-0) hosts its final game of the season against Kennedy of Richmond at Witter Field this Friday night, April 16. It will be Senior Night for 17 Piedmont players.



Joe Hempeck intercepted a Washington pass near his own goal line.